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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6531
BILL NUMBER: SB 217

DATE PREPARED: Dec 12, 2000
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Cloning.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill defines "cloning" as the growing or creation of a human being from a single cell or cells of a genetically identical human being through asexual reproduction. The bill provides that the term does not apply to techniques of assisted reproductive technology. The bill prohibits the State Department of Health from using money appropriated to or administered by the State Department of Health or allowing employees or facilities of the State Department of Health to be used to participate in or otherwise support research or other activities relating to the cloning of a human being. The bill also requires the State Department of Health to revoke the license of a hospital if the State Health Commissioner proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the hospital participates in or otherwise supports research or other activities facilitating the cloning of a human being. The bill further requires the Medical Licensing Board to revoke a physician's license if the Attorney General proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the physician participates in or otherwise supports research or other activities facilitating the cloning of a human being. The bill prohibits funds appropriated under the biennial budget enacted in 2001 from being used for research or any other activity relating to cloning of a human being.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill prohibits the State Department of Health from using any funds appropriated to or administered by the Department to be used to support any activities relating to the cloning of a human being. This provision prohibits the Department from spending state funds or devoting state resources to a specified activity in which the Department does not currently participate.

The bill also requires the State Department of Health to revoke the license of a hospital if the State Health Commissioner proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the hospital participates in or otherwise supports research or other activities facilitating the cloning of a human being.

The bill further requires the Medical Licensing Board to revoke a physician's license if the Attorney General

after appropriate notice and the opportunity for a hearing, proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the physician participates in or otherwise supports research or other activities facilitating the cloning of a human being. This provision could result in additional administrative expenses for the Attorney General's Office.

The bill also prohibits funds appropriated under the biennial budget enacted in 2001 from being used for research or any other activity relating to cloning of a human being. No funds appropriated by the State may be used to support research related to the cloning of a human being.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: The Department of Health, Medical Licensing Board, Attorney General, State-supported Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: